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Ref: 19-F-0762

Mr. Ben Riley-Smith
411A Highland Ave
Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Ms. Riley-Smith:

This is the final response to your February 7, 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. We received your request on February 11, 2019 and assigned it case number 19-F-0762. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs (OASD(PA)), a component of the Office of Secretary of Defense (OSD), conducted a search of their record systems and located 29 pages determined to be responsive to your request. Ms. Tonya Rose, Program Manager, an Initial Denial Authority for (OASD(PA)), determined that portions of the documents which have been redacted are withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5), which pertains to information related to inter- and -intra-agency memoranda which are deliberative in nature, and 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6), which pertains to information that, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals.

In this instance, fees for processing your request were below the threshold for requiring payment. Please note that fees may be assessed on future requests.

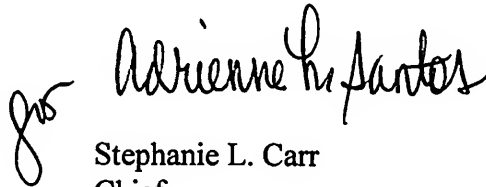
If you are not satisfied with this response, you may contact our OSD FOIA Public Liaison, Jim Hogan, at 571-372-0462 or by email at OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil. Also, please note that the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers services to requesters who have disputes with Federal agencies. If you have concerns about the processing of your request, please contact OGIS at:

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You have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense, by writing directly to OCMO Office of the Chief Management Officer, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox# 24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. Your appeal must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this response. Alternatively, you may email your appeal to osd.foia-appeal@mail.mil. If you use email, please include the words "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Please also reference case number 19-F-0762 in any appeal correspondence.

There are no assessable fees associated with this response. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Gary C. Bonds at (571) 372-0461 or email at gary.c.bonds2.civ@mail.mil.

Sincerely,

The signature is a cursive script that reads "Stephanie L. Carr". To the left of the signature is a small, stylized handwritten mark that appears to be "jos".

Stephanie L. Carr
Chief

Enclosures:
As stated